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AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO FIRST OFFICE ACTION

**MAIL STOP: AMENDMENT**

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated November 3, 2006, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** appear on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Drawings** appear on page 7 of this paper and include three (3) attached replacement sheets of drawings.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 8 of this paper.

**An appendix** including the amended drawing figures is attached following page 11 of this paper.